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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 30, 2006 and a statutory period for response that is set to expire on April 30, 2006.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments presented herein and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Enclosure I provides a certified copy a foreign priority document requested by the Examiner pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(b).